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EDITORIALS

ELECTION DAY

Next Tuesday, November 8th, is General Election Day in Virginia.

Voters will have a big order

First, there is the ballot to elect a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and a member of the House of Delegates.

Second, there is a ballot to vote for or against certain proposed changes in the State Constitution, pertaining to the right to vote.

Finally, farmers will have a ballot to vote for directors of the Lee Soil Conservation District.

That in itself, three ballots for one election day, should be enough to bring out a large vote.

It is the policy of this newspaper not to tell its readers how to vote; but to urge citizens to inform themselves of what is at issue, and then to vote their sincere convictions. It is especially desirable that there be a sizeable vote from Appomattox and the the election in which the Governor is named is generally used as a basis for delegates at party conventions.

The ballot on the changes in the State Constitution is a very complicated affair. You can't read the ballot and tell what it is about. The matter of a decision on whether to keep or discard the poll tax as a voting requirement is beclouded by a very vague and questionable set of side reasons which has made it most difficult for anyone to know whether it is best to vote for or against. Were it merely a matter of repealing the poll tax, we lean to the view that most voters would cast their ballots for the change. But the great uncertainty as to what would or might be substituted in its place raises other issues of greater importance than the poll tax itself. We urge, on this issue, that our readers read all they can both pro and con and give the ballot very serious thought; and if you find it too complicated to arrive at a clear-cut decision, pass up this ballot altogether! If defeated now, the general proposal will come up again soon and perhaps in a more satisfactory form.

In conclusion, we wish to state that Hon. John S. Battle, leading candidate for Governor, has made a commendable campaign for that office, has taken a clear-cut stand on many vital issues and above all stands clearly and completely committed to betterment of Virginia's schools.

THE FLOWER SHOW

The ladies of the Appomattox Garden Club are to be congratulated upon the very successful fall flower show held Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the McLean House at the Old Court House. Despite the bad weather, the attendance was excellent, and visitors came to Appomattox from many nearby cities and counties.

A feature of the show was the attractiveness of special club exhibits on the theme: Peace. These exhibits were quite properly featured in the Peace Room in the newly rebuilt McLean House.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Ten years of community service is the record of the Appomattox Lions Club. This organization was chartered here in October of 1939. Last Thursday night the tenth anniversary was observed at a ladies night banquet.

The Lions Club has had to pinch hit as a chamber of commerce and promoter for a varied list of civic enterprises. Not only has it endured; it has grown and expanded. It has another accomplishment to its credit: by gathering business men around the dinner table every two weeks, it has generated fellowship and understanding. When you break bread with a fellow every two weeks you grow to love him! Teamwork for civic progress is the most valuable asset of a town. A service luncheon club develops just that.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

NEATLY PUT

(Christian Science Monitor)

A lady dining at the table of Sir Mark Young, governor of Hong Kong, felt that she had been slighted when she was seated on the left of her host instead of on the right.

She did not feel that she could make a direct complaint about the matter, but she could not resist remarking: "I suppose it is really difficult to always put your guests in their proper places?"

"Not at all," her host smilingly replied, "for I find that those who matter don't mind, and those who mind don't matter."

PASTURES

(Tax Outlook)

Horse cavalry may be obsolete, but according to Representative Hagan, of Washington, the Army still has three million acres of grazing lands. The Navy holds a hundred thousand acres. (Retiring battleships to pasture?)

"MONTI-CHELLO"

(Richmond Times-Dispatch)

President Truman is correct, of course, in pronouncing the home of Thomas Jefferson "Monti-chello," as the Italians did and do. The word means "little mountain," and Jefferson pronounced it as Truman does. There is no other proper way.

Why no post-war $1,000 car?

A well known automobile manufacturer hinted at the answer in a recent speech when he pointed out that federal, state, income, withholding, corporation, property, and other direct and indirect imposts account for $450 of the cost of the medium priced automobile today. —Tax Outlook.

Naval commanders are spending so much time before congress, we understand their current greeting is to shake hands and murmur, "Long time no sea." —St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Someone who likes to play with figures arrived at this one: "A husband is a mathematical confirmation of our suspicions." —Guthrie Center, Ia., Guardian.

Perfecting of a hollow mothball suggests it might be an ideal container for storing milady's bathing suit during the winter. —Souix City Journal Tribune.

Vice-President Barkley will wed Mrs. Carleton Hadley, of St. Louis, November 18.

Navy to de-commission several ships first of year.

PUBLIC APPETITE SHIFTS TO MEATS

The public appetite is shifting to meat, dairy and poultry products, and fruits and vegetables - - - and seems likely to continue that shift, says Dr. J. L. Maxton, marketing specialist at V. P. I.

He points out that present incomes apparently are enough to buy more food at present prices than 1935-39 incomes could buy at that time.

In terms of 1935-39 consumption being 100 per cent, America is now eating at these percentage rates: beef, 116; pork, 127; chicken, 141; turkey, 195; eggs, 128; cheese, 131; lard, 118; margarine, 197; fresh fruit, 96; canned fruit, 131; fresh vegetables, 104; canned vegetables, 122.

Biggest increase comes in canned fruit juices, 392.

On the losing side are: potatoes, 84; sweet potatoes, 65; dry beans, 95; corn meal, 66; oatmeal, 90; flour, 88; and tea, 90.

Butter also has slipped - 65 as compared to 100 in 1935-39.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 40:41; 42:5-9; 54; 61, 62:1-3, Luke 4:16-21.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 46; 121.

God Our Comfort

Lesson for November 6, 1949

AS THE ENGLISH language keeps on changing, words do not always keep on meaning what they once did. "Comfort" is one of these. When our Bible was translated into English in 1611, the translation most English-speaking people use, the word "comfort" had a bigger meaning than most people put into it nowadays. We think of it as meaning soothing; but it is a bigger idea than that. God is not merely a soothing God. We think of "comfort" as meaning to make comfortable; but it is a stouter word than that. God does not always make his people comfortable. The word means to strengthen, to steel against fear and despair, to put backbone into people.

Dr. Foreman

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"Fear Not, O Worm!"

AT THE TIME of the prophecies of this study the Israelites had been kicked around a good deal. They had felt the conqueror's boots, they were discouraged, as all good people are when somehow God seems to be letting evil forces triumph. Their little world had split wide apart, their little nation had been blown to the winds.

To those people, torn by terrors and bowed down by wretchedness, people who were in serious danger of developing a once-for-all "inferiority complex," people who were about to lose all their backbone, the great prophet brings his messages: "Comfort ye my people, saith your God."

The whole idea is in this one sentence (Is. 41:14): "Fear not, O worm Jacob! . . . I am your helper, saith the Lord."

God does not indulge his people in foolish pride. Beside the Almightly they are worms, insects. Nevertheless, worm though he may be, the man who trusts in God will not be afraid. He will not trust in his own powers, he will not trust in luck, he will trust in God.

A worm by itself is nothing; but with God on his side, the weakest of men can say with Paul, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" God's people do not get their courage up by flexing their muscles or admiring themselves. They grow in the knowledge of God.

Goodness And Power

ANY ONE who saw "Edward, My Son" will remember the tragedy of that family. A boy's character went slowly to pieces, because his father was determined that nothing should be too good for him. To gain his purpose the father ran roughshod over everyone who stood in his way, and eventually ruined the lives of all around him, including his son's and his own. The mother, on the other hand, could see, as the father could not, what his indulgence was doing to the boy, making him a weakling and a rat. But she was too weak to stand up against her husband, and her life too was ruined. That story is a kind of parable.

The prophet reveals a God who is both powerful and good; but suppose God were only good but not powerful, or only powerful but not good? Then the world would be in a mess, as that boy Edward was in a mess.

But these three are all in the same God. A God who is power only, might do as Edward's father did, destroy his children without even intending to do so. A God who is goodness only, might want to do right by his world yet not be able to do so, like Edward's mother. A God who knew what was right but neither wanted nor was able to do much about it, would not be a God at all.

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God Is Not Weary

SUPPOSE GOD were indeed powerful, good and wise, and yet grew tired from time to time? Suppose all God's good qualities came and went, unpredictably, like the wind on a spring day?

No; God is the Maker and Keeper of Promises, the Covenant God. He does not grow faint or weary; that is our anchor of comfort.

The earth changes, and men with it; but the Word of the Lord abides forever. His "covenant of peace" does not waver. We do not need to lean gingerly on the Almighty. He will bear all our weight.

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HOMEMAKERS' ITEMS

Mixing home-rendered lard with vegetable shortening will make the lard keep fresh and sweet twice as long, says Miss Janet Cameron, Extension Service nutritionist at V. P. I.

She reports that farm families who used this simple, effective means of preserving lard during the last two seasons found it highly satisfactory. With hog-butchering time just around the corner, she is recommending the method again.

Only two or three pounds of the usual hydrogenated vegetable shortening are needed for each 50 pounds of lard. Add the shortening to the rendered lard in the kettle, just before settling and separating the cracklings. Another method is to mix the shortening with melted lard in the storage containers. In this case the shortening should be stirred carefully until entirely melted and mixed thoroughly with the lard.

She advises storing home-rendered lard in tinned containers, which should be free of rust. Since contact with air causes lard to spoil, containers should be filled to top and closed tightly. After filling, store the cans or pails of lard in a cool, dry place.

Bumper Yield

This is the type of bumper wheat yields which may be expected by the farmer who practices good soil conservation procedure wherever such is necessary to full crop production. Soil conservation, application of good seed and attention to good farming practices generally always pay dividends.

Animals, Fowls Experience Man's Disease Conditions

Teetotaling dogs, turkeys and chickens which drink nothing stronger than water sometimes get the same diseases which human beings develop from over-indulgence or high living.

Veterinarians records show that turkeys and chickens sometimes develop gout, and dogs and other animals get cirrhosis of the liver. Many other disease conditions of man also are common to animals.

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Rocks News

Rocks, Nov. 1.- Farmers have been delayed from sowing wheat by the heavy rain over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Marsh and daughter, of Norfolk were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Marsh for a few days recently.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Marsh and daughter were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh, of near Appomattox recently.

Mrs. Emory Ranson spent an afternoon with Mrs. Robert Roach recently.

Ernest Lee had a stroke last week. Friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Samuel Dickerson was sick Sunday.

Little Pearl Katherine Ranson celebrated her 2nd birthday at Sunday School Sunday.

Louise Ranson spent Saturday night at Appomattox with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Homsey Inge, Sr.

Cassie Baldwin went to Roanoke Saturday to attend the district meeting of the International Garmen; Workers Union, of which was a delegate.

Mr. Edward Ranson was visiting her mother, Mrs. Marks of Lynchburg, who has been sick, awhile ors night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Aubrey Dale spent Sunday with Mrs. J. A. Garrett, of Evergreen.

Richwood

Richwood, Nov. 1.- "By the will of God only do we live, the neighbors control our reputations, but our consciences are ours alone." (quoted).

Mr. and Mrs. Atwell Powell and son, Ray visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis were guests Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis, at Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith were in Lynchburg on business Saturday.

Henry Fleshman and son, J. H., were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh Thursday afternoon.

Friends and relatives from Richmond, Lynchburg and this community gathered Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Fleshman to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Fleshman.

Max Powell was the dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mann were in Lynchburg Sunday visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blackwell, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blackwell, Jr. were in Blue Ridge, Virginia, Sunday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Fleshman.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Nov. 1.- We surely had a heavy rain over the week - end. Guess it will bring the wheat up in a jiffy, but isn't too good on the corn that hasn't been harvested.

We are glad to say that the sick around here are better.

The P.-T. A. of the Stonewall school had a meeting last week, and a fine program. The Rev. G. E. Hughes was on the program and made a interesting talk.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Simmons, of Norfolk spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Carson and also visited other friends while here.

E. L. Chick, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hearn and son, Lawrence, spent the week-end in Norfolk with Miss Rachel Chick and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chick. Miss Lottie Martin also went with them and visited her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jamerson.

Mrs. G. P. Jennings had a party for the young folks of the Hebron B. T. U. last Thursday night at her home. Everyone enjoyed it.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Collins, of Lynchburg spent the week-end at her home here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell.

Mrs. J. H. Beard is visiting her sisters in Roanoke.

The young folks of Trinity Church had a "tacky" party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Martin on last Saturday night. Everybody was well dressed up for the affair and all had a fine time.

The Rev. D. M. Spence made a splendid talk at Trinity Church last Sunday morning. He had as his subject: Faith.

C. D. Drinkard is better after being on the sick list last week.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Nov. 1.- Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Frazier and son, of Altavista and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Babcock and son, of Lynchburg were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson Sunday.

Mrs. George Carson and parents visited William Jones Walton Sunday at Lynchburg College, where he is indisposed as a result of a broken collar bone.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Robertson are attending a postmaster's convention in Chicago this week.

Mrs. H. B. Marshall, of Roanoke is spending a few days at her home here.

This Pigeon Was Giving His Rescuers the Bird

DANVILLE, ILL. — A pigeon perched on a ledge outside the window of Coppreader Ed Hutchinson of the Danville Commercial - News tried to fly for two days. No luck. He just couldn't take off.

The pigeon would take several steps, flutter its wings, but never fly.

Finally, Hutchinson called the humane society. Soon the fire department was on its way to rescue the pigeon.

When the hook and ladder crew got its ladder to the window, the pigeon flew away.

B's in a Bus, Not a Hive, Buzz Toward Los Angeles

TROY, N. Y. — Eighteen Baylys piled into the family bus recently and headed for Los Angeles. This number includes three generations —children, parents and grandparents.

When Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayly recently decided to take their first vacation in 20 years, they bought a school bus. That's what they needed for their 14 children and Bayly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archer Bayly.

Bayly, 38, packed a small field kitchen for cooking. When practical, the family slept in a 16 by 16 foot tent.

When the Bayly children were christened, names beginning with "B" were selected. The roster runs like this:

Beverly, 18; Buddy, 17; Barry 16; Barbara, 14; Bette, 13; Bradley, 12; Brian, 10; Bernice, 8; Blake, 7; Brenda, 6; Bernadette, 4; Beryl, 3; Bernard, 2; Benjamin, 1.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Sea Temperature May Affect Food Supplies of Man

LA JOLLA, CALIF. — Ocean temperatures are the present concern of oceanographers. The Scripps Institution of Oceanography here has begun a project of plotting undersea temperatures that may continue for generations.

The ocean is no longer simply of academic interest to zoologists and biologists. Lately it has become interesting as a future source of chemicals and food substances.

Oceanographers have done a lot of charting and studying of static features of oceans, such as depth, terrain and major currents. But they admit the vast lack of knowledge of detailed matters—for instance, the interaction of ocean waters and the air above and periodic changes in temperature at different locations, depths and times. These are probably critical factors in phenomena, such as marine life.

Large Scale Project

To fill in the extensive void in knowledge about ocean temperatures, the Scripps Institution, a branch of the University of California at Los Angeles, has expanded rudimentary wartime observations made for the Navy into a large-scale project of getting bathythermograms throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

Since temperatures not only at the surface but at every level are significant, since the average depth of the earth's oceans is estimated at three miles, and since temperatures may change from hour to hour, very many observations might be taken at a single point. Since the area covered in the Scripps survey is about 100,000,000 square miles, it will be a long time before even superficial observations can be completed.

The Bathythermomograph

Complicating the task, is the fact that scientific temperature readings cannot be taken just by dunking a thermometer on a string.

Oceanographers use a bathythermomograph, a brass cylinder about a yard long weighing about thirty pounds. It contains apparatus that records temperature, as the cylinder is lowered on a cable, by a stylus scratch across a smoked-glass plate one inch by two inches.

In the laboratory these plates, marked with the location, date and time, are photographed through a grid that measures the scratch. The result is a graph of the temperature variation at different depths at one point.

The areas on which studies are concentrated at present are in the Aleutian Island region, the stretch between California and Hawaii, and between Hawaii and the South Pacific Islands—shipping and fishing zones where temperature data may help analysis of weather and marine life.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Nov. 1.- There will be an entertainment at the Vera school November 8th; Clem Thompson, from Danville. The P.-T. A. will sell pie and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Coleman and daughter were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Jr. and Gloria Ann Lewis were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Sr. The occasion was the birthday of Mr. Harvey, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and daughter spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coleman, of Lynchburg.

Dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill were Mrs. Don Owen, of Randolph; Mrs. H. A. Powell, of Wyliesburg; Mrs. Troy Wilkerson, Miss Janice Wilkerson, and Makie Wilkerson, all of South Boston; and Sonny Smith.

British recover two freighters into Yangtze River.

Princess Margaret may visit U. S. after stop in Canada.

Edward Stettinius, Jr., former Secretary of State, dies.

French accept British plan on European trade.

Reports are that Albania may be the next to quit Russian influence.

East Germany raises the prices of rationed foods.

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